

REMARKS

By this amendment, the applicant cancels claim 1 and adds claims 5-10 for examination. Therefore, on entering this amendment, claims 5-10 are all the claims pending in this application.

The title and the drawings have been objected to.

The drawings have been objected to because of various informalities.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art in view of Ramsden (U.S. Patent No. 4,982,155).

The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Formal Matters

PCT Search Report

The Examiner has requested the Applicants to provide a copy of the international search report for the corresponding PCT application PCT/JP02/01167. The Applicants respectfully submit that a copy was in fact submitted with the original Application. The Applicants include an additional copy of the search report for the records. It should be noted that the corresponding references were submitted as part of an IDS filed August 14, 2004.

Objections to the Title

The Applicants respectively amend the title to overcome grounds for its objection.

Objections to the Drawings

The Applicants submit revised drawings and/or amend the Specification as needed to overcome grounds for the objections raised by the Examiner.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants admitted prior art in view of Ramsden (U.S. Patent No. 4,982,155).

Claim 1 has been deleted, rendering its rejection moot.

New Claims

Claims 5-10 are presented for Examination. A skilled artisan would not have been able to make the invention recited in claims 5-10 from the combined teachings of the admitted prior art and Ramsden. Specifically, the combined teachings of the admitted prior art and Ramsden do not suggest current terminals of the four magnetic sensors to be connected to each other in a series connection.

Conclusion


In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 10/640,628

Attorney Docket No.: Q76985

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl⁷ G01B7/30, G01D5/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	JP 2001-33277 A (Yasukawa Electric Corp.), 09 February, 2001 (09.02.01), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-4
Y	JP 2-174547 A (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), 05 July, 1990 (05.07.90), Page 2, upper right column, lines 8 to 16; Fig. 1 (Family: none)	1-4
A	JP 63-305783 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 13 December, 1988 (13.12.88), Page 1, right column, line 11 to page 2, upper left column, line 5; Fig. 7 (Family: none)	1-4

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached three (3) sheets of drawings included the following changes:

In Figures 4-6, the "Prior Art" label is added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets